Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—No Departments and offices were personally inspected by the Diwan in 1103 and 1104 up-to-date.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— Is there any office inspected in 1101 and 1102?

President.—There was no inspection by the Diwan after I assumed charge There were a few visits with a view to know what the work is. There was no regular inspection.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was there any inspection during the time of any previous Diwans?

President.—Yes. During the time of one Diwan, Mr. Banerji, in connection with the Forest and Tramway, some inspection was made. But I do not think that any subsequent Diwan conducted any inspection.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will not the inspection by the Diwan improve the efficiency of the Department?

President.—That is a matter of opinion.

Defalcations of Sirkar money.

429. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state (excluding the cases under adjudication by a court of law):—

(1) the number of defalcations of Government money that have taken place in the last eight years ;

(2) the amount involved in each case ;

(3) the names of those who are responsible or involved in such defalcations ;

(4) what action has been taken against each of them ;

(5) what amount has been realised from each of them ;

(6) whether the reports and the orders passed in each case will be placed on the Table ?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—(1) to (5). The information available is contained in the answer to question No. 95 of the 1104 Vrischigam meeting of the Council.

(6) These cannot be published.

Recommendations of the Kunnamkulam Town Improvement Committee.

430. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(1) what items of work recommended by the Town Improvement Committee of Kunnamkulam have yet to be completed ;

(2) on what dates these items of work were recommended by the above Committee ;

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(3) whether the Town Improvement Committee is still in existence, and if not, when was it abolished ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(1) For works relating to 1099, 1100 and 1101 see appendix III to question No. 154 of the Budget Session of 1101. For those relating to 1102 and 1103 see appendix to question No. 257 of the last Council sitting. These works were proposed and carried out in consultation with the Committee.

(2) They were recommended in the years noted therein. Exact date of each is difficult to trace out.

(3) The Committee is still in existence.

Plantation ranges under the Taungya System.

431. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table:—

(1) copy of the Conservator's letter in 1103 to the Divisional Forest Officer and the Plantation Ranger regarding areas to be given for plantation to Messrs. Chinnava Rowther, C. I. Mathew, Abdul Kadir and others, under the Taungya system in 1104, at Nagathenpara side in Kodasseri Komban ;

(2) report of the Southern Divisional Officer on the area selected and copies of further correspondence thereon ;

(3) were the areas handed over to the parties as at first ordered and have the contractors taken up the work ;

(4) if the areas were not handed over, the reason for not doing so in spite of the original orders of the Conservator of Forests ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(1) and (2). Copies of the correspondence are placed on the Council Table.

(3) No.

4) It was subsequently considered better to wait till the selection and exclusion of areas in the locality fit for food crop cultivation is over.

Kuri Vaimpus and Security Bonds.

432. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state the total number and the total valuation of Kuri Vaimpus and Kuri Security Bonds registered every year during the last 5 years in each of the Registry Offices in the State ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—A statement containing the information is appended. (*Vide Appendix VIII.*)

Olarikkara Aided School.

433. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table of the House the report

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